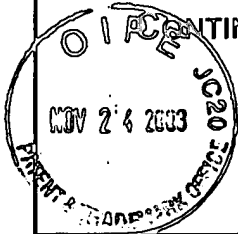


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REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number	09/904,175
Filing Date	11 July 2001
First Named Inventor	Duong
Group Art Unit	1634
Examiner Name	B. Forman
Attorney Docket No.	A-68718-3/RMS/RMK/JML

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-captioned application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other: **12/01/2003 KROCHAL 63000311 09904175**
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply **01 FC:1001 770.00 09**
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (including Form PTO-1449 and References)
- iv. ☒ Other: **Petition for Extension of Time**

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-captioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other:

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Fees are calculated as follows:
- | | AMOUNT |
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| i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE BASIC FEE | \$ 770 |
| ii. <input type="checkbox"/> EXTENSION FEES
1 MONTH | \$ 110 |
| iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER
ADDITIONAL CLAIMS | \$ 158 |

EXTRA CLAIM FEES					
Claims Remaining after Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid for	Present Extra	Fee	Additional Fee	
Total 35	- 31	= 4	x 18	= \$72	
Indep. 4	- 3	= 1	x 86	= \$86	
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				x	=
Total \$158					


- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ **1,038** is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any variance between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges to **Deposit Account No. 50-2319**.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees as indicated above, charge any variance or credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 50-2319**.

SUBMITTED BY		
Typed or Printed Name	Jennifer M. Lane, Patent Agent, Reg. No. 51,916 for Robin M. Silva, Reg. No. 38,304	
Signature	<i>Jennifer M. Lane</i>	Date November 19, 2003



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In re application of: DUONG, et al. Serial No.: 09/904,175 Filing Date: 11 JULY 2001 For: DEVICES AND METHODS FOR BIOCHIP MULTIPLEXING	Examiner: FORMAN, BETTY J Group Art Unit: 1634 <u>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</u> I hereby certify that this correspondence and its listed enclosures is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail addressed to Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents; P.O. Box 1450; Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on <u>NOVEMBER 19, 2003</u> . Signed  Maria Ciganovich
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Following is Applicants' response to the Final Office Action mailed 23 July 2003, accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination, a Petition for a one-month extension of time, and the requisite fees. A response is therefore due 23 November 2003, making this a timely response. Please amend the application as indicated on the following pages, and consider the remarks herein. While Applicant believes that no further fees are due at this time, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due as a result of filing this amendment, including additional claims fees not already paid for, or other fees that have not been separately paid, to Deposit Account 50-2319 (Order No. 463037-219 [A-68718-3/RMS/RMK/JML]).

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